

08 09 01
1746
EL 844046586Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → ☐PTO/SB/21 (6-98)
Approved for use through 09/30/2000. OMB 0651-0031
Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	09/298,160
	Filing Date	April 22, 1999
	First Named Inventor	Dan G. Custer
	Group Art Unit	1746
	Examiner Name	A. Olsen
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	8	Attorney Docket Number MI22-1172

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Response	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input type="checkbox"/> After Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition Routing Slip (PTO/SB/69) and Accompanying Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	Return Receipt Postcard Response to May 8, 2001 Office Action (7 pages)
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Statement	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application	Remarks	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT	
Firm or Individual name	Bernard Berman, Reg. No. 37,279; Wells, St. John et al.
Signature	<i>Bernard Berman</i>
Date	Aug 7, 2001

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING		
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this date: 8-17-01 8.7.01		
Typed or printed name	via express mail EL 844046586 US	
Signature		Date

± Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.



EL 844046586

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Serial No. 09/298,160
Filing Date April 22, 1999
Inventor Dan G. Custer et al.
Assignee Micon Technology, Inc.
Group Art Unit 1746
Examiner A. Olsen
Attorney's Docket No. MI22-1172
Title: Polishing Systems, Methods of Polishing Substrates, and Methods of
Preparing Liquids for Semiconductor Fabrication Processes

RESPONSE TO MAY 8, 2001 OFFICE ACTION

To: Box Non-Fee Amendment
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

16/E
8-14-01

From: Bernard Berman (Tel. 509-624-4276; Fax 509-838-3424)
Wells, St. John, Roberts, Gregory & Matkin P.S.
601 W. First Avenue, Suite 1300
Spokane, WA 99201-3828

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated May 8, 2001, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the amendments and remarks that follow.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

None

RECEIVED
AUG 13 2001
TC 1700